

WORLD BOOK DAY

Students celebrated World Book Day by taking part in a range of activities last week.

This included designing a book mark, completing a quiz and creating a book cover for their story of their life. The library was a hive of activity for the day, whilst further events took place in English lessons where students were given the World Book Day tokens to exchange for reading books.



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MFL Spelling BEE



Well done to all our Year 7 school finalists!

We have three pupils representing St Joseph's in the regional final. This will take place on the 30th March at Trinity C of E High School in Manchester.

The finalists are: **Isabelle Drinkwater**, **Sinead McKiernan** (7 Devereux) and **Lewis Mulligan** (7 Bernadette).

We wish them good luck!

Year 10 Mock Exams

Monday 27th March – Science & RE
 Tuesday 28th March – English & French Listening & Reading
 Wednesday 29th March – Maths & GCSE PE
 Thursday 30th March – Science
 Friday 31st March – Geography, RE & GCSE PE

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Monday 3rd April – Science & Spanish Listening & Reading
 Tuesday 4th April – History & Music Listening
 Wednesday 5th April – ICT & IMedia, French & Spanish Written & Drama Written
 Thursday 6th April – RM, Electronics, Textiles, Law & History
 Friday 7th April – P & C, Food Technology & Drama

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – The whole school attendance for the week commencing 13^h February was **94.4%**. Congratulations to **Year 7** and **Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to this weeks' winner, **'Romero'** for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, **'well done'** this week goes to **8 Kolbe** for the highest form attendance...**98.7%**! All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade. **As we experience colder/wetter/windy weather, can pupils please bring coats to school to avoid getting ill and therefore not attending. Managers of Learning can always send children home if they are too ill to be in school.**

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	93.3	95.8	93.7	98.6	98.6	92.2		95.3
8	97.3	90.0	88.5	98.7	90.3	96.7		93.5
9	95.0	93.2	89.3	89.2	93.6	97.2		92.9
10	92.8	95.0	97.3	89.5	98.4	94.3	95.4	94.6
11	93.9	98.0	91.2	97.8	96.7	94.2	94.9	95.2
Family Average	94.4	94.4	92.0	94.7	95.5	94.9	95.1	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE



Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

ALMSGIVING

As we know, Lent is a time for spring-cleaning our lives. A time when some Christians rid themselves of all of the things which get in the way of our relationship with God before Easter.

Some Christians try to follow the example of Jesus in the desert by giving up luxuries and practising self-discipline. They also try to put aside more time for prayer and doing things for others so that they can really let God into their lives.

Last week, at our Ash Wednesday Services, we officially launched our ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL for Caritas Salford.

As a Catholic community, we support Caritas and St Joseph's Penny in school during Lent. Caritas is an international Catholic charity that shares the mission of the Catholic Church to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world. St Joseph's penny is a special collection that happens in our diocese each lent. The money collected goes to help local projects.

This year, we have adopted the Mother and Baby unit in Bolton as our charity, part of St Joseph's Penny. The Bolton Mother and Baby Unit supports homeless mothers and babies and mums who are struggling or are at risk of having their children taken away.

The centre teaches mums how to look after their children and how to maintain a home. They are taught to cook, budget and supported to find work. The home is a place where the mums and babies are safe and supported.

The pupils are preparing lots of fundraising events which is fantastic and leads us nicely into our theme for next week which is Almsgiving.

- Up & Coming Events:*
- 14th March**
- Year 10 injections
 - 15th March**
- Year 10 injections
 - 16th March**
- Theatre Workshop, Jekyll & Hyde, Years 10 & 11
 - 17th March**
- Year 9 Option Forms return deadline
 - 18th March**
- Year 7 & 8 Interim Reports home



Dragons' Den

This week Mrs Woods met with all the pupils who entered the Dragons' Den competition to announce the winner. The pupils were congratulated on their hard work and creativity.

Five teams will be going through to the nationwide competition 'Tycoon in Schools' because there were so many amazing ideas. Mrs Woods said, "I'm so proud of all of them - they're such a credit to our school!"

Certificates will be given to all who took part with a little extra treat being awarded to the finalists.

The **WINNER** is **Lachlan Horner** (8 Kolbe).

RUNNERS UP are **Leah Rowlinson, Niamh Speakman** (9 Romero) and **Karishma Lakhman** (9 Teresa)

Other teams being taken through are:

- Connor Worwood, Joe Jivan-Pengelly (9 Devereux) and Chris Short (9 Kolbe)
- Dhru Pindoria (7 Kolbe) and Jacob Pasquill (7 King)
- Ethan Fisher, Cai Smith (9 Teresa), Tom McNulty, Oliver Banner (9 Devereux), Sam Markopouliotis and Shaun Fitzpatrick (9 King)



Gymnastics Competition

Pupils from St Joseph's recently took part in Bolton School's gymnastics competition.

Morgan Allen (8 King) and **Francesca Hutchinson** (8 Devereux) were joint second individuals out of 115 gymnasts and our intermediate team were second overall!

Thanks to Miss Walsh for taking them! Amazing!



Free Tennis Coaching

For the next eight weeks Bolton Arena are offering St Joseph's pupils (Years 9-11) free tennis coaching, every Tuesday night 4-5pm.

There is no charge but pupils must make provision to get to the arena and find a way home.

This is a non-school activity and staff will be from Bolton Arena.

Just turn up and register for free coaching,

Football Results

The Year 7 & 8 girl's latest football result:

St Joseph's 1 - 5 Canon Slade

Despite the disappointing final score the girls played exceptionally well.

Player of the match was **Georgia Rushton** (7 Bernadette).

A big thank you to **Olivia Walmsley** (10 Teresa) for refereeing the game.

Accessibility Working Party

School are looking to form a steering group made up of **pupils, parents, governors and staff** to review and develop the school Accessibility Plan.

We are planning to hold a meeting in school at 10:00 am on Friday 17th March 2017.

Please, if you are able to attend this meeting and would like to be involved in this working party contact either Angela Moore (School Business Manager) or Rachel Hawkrigg (SENCo) to discuss further.

If any parent would like to be involved in the group but cannot attend the meeting please still contact school.



Year 10 Trip to Manchester University

Mrs Devlin took five Year 10 students to Manchester University last week to attend a lecture about Graphene. This trip was sponsored and organised by the Rotary Club here in Horwich.

The students attended the trip to further enhance their knowledge and understanding of this amazing material. They learned how Graphene was discovered at Manchester University back in 2004 and how this amazing two dimensional material is going to become a huge part of our everyday lives.

They got to hear from a professor of Material Science, part of a Nobel Prize winning department at Manchester University, about how Graphene was being used as a potential drug delivery system of the future. They also heard how Graphene will be used to improve everyday objects including your mobile phone and even fashion!

You can read more about this amazing material here <http://www.graphene.manchester.ac.uk/>



A Heartbeat Event

YOUTH MASS

“Whoever **drinks** the **water** I shall give will **never thirst**” *Jesus*

thirsty?

Saturday 18th March 6:00pm

All welcome Sacred Heart Church Westhoughton